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> Re: Final Rejection of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/085,543 - Cable Support System

Dear Examiner Chan:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on April 22, 2003, the attached three claims are proposed as allowable with the cancellation of all other claims in the case. These claims are Claim 8, amended to include Claim 9, as well as dependent Claims 14 and 15.

Please call me at your earliest convenience at (412) 653-1542 with your comments or suggestions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

George Raynovich Jr

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8. A cable support system for hanging an object at a desired distance below an overhead beam comprising:

a clamp having a generally "C" shaped clamp body with a threaded fastener
threadingly received within one leg of said "C" shaped body to clamp said
"C" shaped body onto said overhead beam and a vertical bore through said
clamp body to receive a cable to be suspended from said overhead beam,
said vertical bore having a conical lower end portion with a wedge retainer
and wedges vertically movable within said bore whereby said wedges
contact said lower conical end portion and said cable to wedge said cable
into position within said bore, the vertical position of said cable relative to
said bore being vertically adjustable by forcing said cable upwardly to
release said wedges;

an object to be suspended by said cable at a predetermined height below said beam; [and]

means for connecting said cable to said object.

9. The cable support system of claim 8 wherein said means for connecting said cable to said object includes:

a permanent loop formed on the end of said cable; and

passing said cable around said object and thereafter threading said cable through

said permanent loop formed on the end of said cable and thereafter

threading said cable into said vertical bore in said clamp.

- 14. The cable support system of claim 8 wherein said clamp vertical bore includes a spring that urges said wedge retainer downwardly relative to said bore.
- 15. The cable support system of claim 8 wherein said clamp wedge retainer has a threaded portion protruding below said bore with a lock nut threaded onto said wedge retainer lower portion.